

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (*Cancelled*)

2. (*Cancelled*)

3. (*Cancelled*)

4. (*Currently amended*)

A device for removably securing opposite walls of an implement tube to adjacent opposite walls of a hitch receiver tube comprising:

(a) an elongated frame which fits within the tube of a hitch compatible implement, the elongated frame having a longitudinal axis;

(b) a first securing member comprising a first nut and bolt combination, the first nut being secured to a first side of the frame, and oriented in a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis, said first nut and bolt combination cinching only a first side of the frame and the implement tube with a first adjacent wall of a hitch receiver tube, the first securing member exerting a compression force between the first side of the implement tube and the first adjacent wall of the hitch receiver tube to cinch the first side and the first adjacent wall together; and

(c) a second securing member comprising a second nut and bolt combination, the second nut being secured to a second side of the frame, separate from the first securing member and in opposing alignment therewith, said second nut and bolt combination cinching only a second side of the frame and the implement tube with a second separate adjacent wall of the hitch receiver tube opposite to the first wall, the second securing member exerting a compression force between the second side of the implement tube and the second adjacent wall of the hitch receiver tube to cinch the second side and the second adjacent wall together.

5. (*Original*)

A device as claimed in claim 4 wherein the frame is shaped as a double "U"-shaped frame with first and second arms which at a first central location bend in a "U"-shape along a first plane, and the first and second arms of the frame at a pair of complementary

second locations on the frame bend in a pair of "U"-shapes in parallel along a second plane perpendicular to the first plane.

6. *(Cancelled)*

7. *(Cancelled)*

8. *(Original)*

A device as claimed in claim 4 including lock washers to secure the first nut with the first bolt and the second nut with the second bolt.